

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**STATE and LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Nordberg; McCann	Bill Status: House Public Health Care and Human Services
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BILL TOPIC: REPORTING MISSING YOUTH IN STATE'S LEGAL CUSTODY

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires missing youth within the legal custody of the state Department of Human Services or county department of human or social services be reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and to law enforcement immediately, but no later than 24 hours after the disappearance is identified. Law enforcement agencies are required to report the disappearance to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for entry into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database.

Background

When youth are in the custody of the Division of Youth Corrections (DYC) in the Department of Human Services and walk away or escape placement, a warrant is entered into the NCIC within 24 hours. This bill expands this existing reporting procedure to include all out-of-home placements (such as foster care) and to paroled DYC youth that fail to check in with a parole officer.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2015-16, workload for the Department of Human Services will increase by a minimal amount to make reports for any missing, non-incarcerated youth within the custody of the department. The department will also be required to provide outreach and training to county departments of human or social services regarding the change in law. These activities can be accomplished without an increase in appropriations.

Local Government Impact

Similar to the state, this bill will increase workload for any county departments of human or social services to report missing youth. Workload for units of local law enforcement will also increase to make the required reports to the FBI. Any increases in workload are assumed to be minimal.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect January 1, 2016, if no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties

Human Services

Public Safety

Sheriffs